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SERMONETTE

"Be thou not therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord." No doubt Paul the Apostle was in prison when he wrote these words to Timothy. There was great persecution in the early Church and Paul knew some of the Christians had given up their faith, and he was anxious that Timothy should not weaken. The Apostle was a wonderful example and encouragement to Timothy, for at no time did he fear the face-of-clay. He stood out as a giant, against the spirit of his day, and dared to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

When we think of what the apostles and the early disciples of Jesus Christ endured, and what a difference there is today, and how many are really ashamed of Jesus Christ, it is appalling! Jesus Christ conferred a great honor upon us! He did not call angels from Heaven to tell the wonderful story of His crucifixion, Resurrection, and Power-to-save. Christ said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." It is ours to let the world see the grace-of-God in our lives, ours to convince them that He is the perfect Saviour! It is strange, so many hesitate to witness--for-God, when we have such great opportunity, and so little to fear when it comes down to persecution of suffering for the Master.

Then again, we can do so much more today than they could. They made slow progress because of the determined opposition and continued persecution. They were scourged, stoned, imprisoned, slain. We have no fear of this NOW--and if Jesus tarries and Victory is ours, as we believe it will be, we should be able to reach souls, not only by our verbal testimony, but reach them through tracts, books, letters, and Christian literature. If the Christians of our yesterdays, could face, unmoved, the storms and oppositions, and cruel mockings and death itself, what ought we to do in this day, this age, for Jesus Christ?

Paul the Apostle said, that no matter how great the opposition, how much he was warned of what awaited him, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God!" That can be our testimony.

> Be patient and longsuffering toward sinners. Such is the value of one soul that it is worth waiting all your days to save it..... The Lord waits with patience upon sinners, and well may you. Consider yourselves how long God was treating with you ere you were won to Him. Be not discouraged if your success presently answer not your expectation.
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> M. G. Standley----

C.E. PREVIEW o°o

ADULTS & Y.P.

A candlelight service for the installation of newly elected officers is to be held this Sunday evening. The remainder of the program will consist of a musical number by Raiko Konatsu, and a talk by Advisor George Takaoka.

SENIORS

This Sunday the Senior C. E. will have a panel discussion on the topic "Discrimination" with George Yamagata in charge. Our last discussion proved to be a success, so all those between the ages of 17 to 19 please join us at 310-10d at 8:00 P.M.

JUNIORS

The newly re-organized Juniors will meet at the Red Cross Room in Block 310 this Sunday night. A sing and testimony night is scheduled with Grace Hiratsuka as chairman. All boys and girls of Junior High School age are asked to join this group.

INTERMEDIATES

The Intermediates will hold their meeting at 305 Chapel. Ritsu Konatsu has planned an interesting program for the evening. Members of this C. E. are of the High School age, and all such students are invited to come out.

A TESTIMONY

Sharing the unforgetable experiences with fellow Christians, I have been truly inspired. And I won't ever forget the countless blessings I received from my Lord in my many moments of need. It makes me feel so humble and insignificant when I think of God taking time to help me with my personal problems that I might have peace of mind. It makes me want to tell others of His saving power.

In addition to being blessed with the nearness of God, I can't help but thank Him for His graciousness in giving me so many true Christian friends. Their steadfast, dedicated lives reveal God in their hearts through testimonies in words and actions. I hope I might be worthy of being counted as one of their sisters in Christ.

My prayer is that, although our Church membership is steadily decreasing, we might each of us redouble our efforts and tirelessly perform the duties asked of us, that when this earthly life holds no more for us, God might take each one of us to our new home on high and say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

For my Redeemer
Betty Taguchi

C. E. notes

ADULTS & Y.P.

Election of the combined Adult and Young People's C. E. was held and the following persons were elected:

President - Fudge Hirashima
Vice Pres. - Nobuko Mukai
Secretary - Betty Taguchi

Chairman Tok Hirashima spoke on the painter of the picture "The Storm", and a reading was given by Fudge Hirashima.

SENIORS

An inspiring message on gaining strength and light from Old Testament characters was given to the Seniors by Miss Grube.

A business meeting followed, at which time the members decided to release Advisor David Arata to the Junior C. E. where he feels he can be of greater service. No new advisor has been chosen as yet.

JUNIORS

A piano solo by Sachiko Saito opened the program, followed by a talk by Advisor Tayeko Kitahata.

Since the ages in the Jr. group range from 10 to 17, it was thought best to divide into two groups: Intermediates and Juniors. Tayeko Kitahata will lead the Juniors, and David Arata will advise the Intermediate group.

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Lloyd Wake has sent in a special donation to the Junior Christian Church.

CHOIR NOTES

The Chapel Choir was first organized in August, 1942, after the arrival of evacuees from Central California, under the directorship of John Miyabe. Upon his departure, Alice Wake took over the leadership. Since Alice left us for resettlement, Raiko Konatsu was the choir leader, and at present is leading the Junior Church Choir.

For the past year, the Church has been richly blessed through the many splendidly prepared and well presented musical numbers. Now the resettlement program has taken away so many of the members that the Choir has decided to disband. In its place will be a Women's Glee under the direction of Raiko Konatsu.

All interested girls are urged to come out on Friday evenings at 7:30 P.M. to Chapel I for practice in order to make this a success.

DEPARTURE --

MAY MIYAMOTO with her mother departed for Chicago last Saturday. We ask God's richest blessing upon them.

Miss Sophie Shizume will be the speaker for the Morning Worship Service next Sunday.

other sheep

Lord, Thy other sheep are calling;
Send us with a message clear.
May we gladly hasten forward
To obey Thy voice so dear,
"Go ye therefore;
I am with you, have no fear."

Dare we let them die in darkness
When we have the Light of God
And the life that has been purchased
With the Savior's precious blood?
Seek to win them,
Win them back through Christ to God.

--Sel.